

Massachusetts Rifle Association

129th Annual Meeting

Walnut Hill

October 8, 2003



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President's Message

Welcome Members and Guests to our 129th Annual Meeting. Our Association enjoys an ever-growing membership. These members bring to the Association an old-time character not seen in other types of clubs; through your hard work, the Association has blossomed. Our financial position is strong. Our club+ house is in great shape. Our programs, such as the safety course and Juniors, have enjoyed banner years. Our shooting programs and teams are also flourishing with people representing MRA at events and matches throughout the country. Gun owners should take special pride, as we are the pinnacle of liberty in this country, exercising our right to keep and bear arms. I am proud to have served as President of the oldest gun club in America. I thank you for taking part in tonight's celebration.

Charles Trickett Jr.,

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MRA Directors 2003



President

Charlie Trickett, Jr.



1st Vice President

Ed Mahoney



2nd Vice President

John Alconada



Treasurer

Marty Waters



Secretary

Paul M. Dandini



MRA Historian

Chairman

F. M. Fazio Scholarship Fund

Robert Summa



Membership

Chairman

Sal Iannuzzi



Trap & Clays

Chairman

Mike Dalelio



Building & Grounds

Chairman

Paul Fortunato



Trap & Clays

David Suied



Finance Committee

Chairman

Robert Ouellette



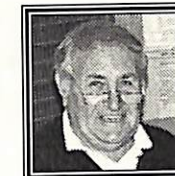
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Jack Tashjian



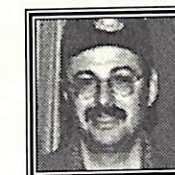
Membership

John Alconada



Assistant Treasurer

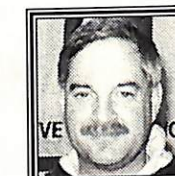
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Rifle Team

Chairman

John Chalmers



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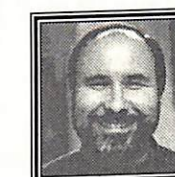
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Robert Collins



Building & Grounds

John Coyne



Executive Officer

Robert Ouellette

Program

RUGER 10/22 RAFFLE

BUY SOME RAFFLE TICKETS

5:30	<u>Meeting Starts</u>
	SIGN IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS FOR ELECTION AND TICKET FOR DOOR PRIZE SECRETARY'S REPORT
7:00	<u>Start Election</u>
	GENERAL REPORT OF CLUB NOMINEES TO SPEAK (5 MINUTES PER PERSON) 5 DIRECTORS ARE UP FOR ELECTION 1 TREASURER 1 SECRETARY
8:00	<u>Cast Ballots</u>
	ELECTION COMMITTEE TO COLLECT BALLOTS AND COUNT THEM
	DURING ELECTION, A CATERED BUFFET OF DELICIOUS FOOD TO BE SERVED DURING DINNER, AWARDS ARE TO BE GIVEN OUT RAFFLE CONCLUDES
8:40	<u>Election Results</u>
9:00	<u>Election of President and Vice Presidents</u>
9:30	<u>Results of Election</u>
10:00	<u>End of Meeting</u>

Awards

Life Member Awards
President's Awards
Member of The Year Award
Director of The Year Award
Fred M. Fazio Award
Dorothy Knight Award
Robert Summa Award
Sal Iannuzzi Award
Rocky Bridges Award
William Loeb Award
Junior Division Award
Junior Instructor Award
Orin E. Gerrish Award
Harry M. Pope Award
Instructor of The Year Award
Charles McLaughlin Award
Archery Range Award

The Fred M. Fazio

Scholarship Fund

Applicants

Applicants must be high school seniors and must meet all of the following eligibility criteria in order to be considered for awards in the yearly competition.

Regulations

Scholarship is to be used toward pursuing a degree at an accredited college of recipient's choice.

Requirements

All applicants must take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) in either their junior or senior year, and a copy of the original printout of the scores from the administering organization must be received at the MRA office by midnight, March 31st, of the award year.

Terms of Award

A maximum of two scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each will be awarded per calendar year. Scholarship recipients will be limited to one scholarship only. Applicants will be judged on the basis of secondary school records, personal qualifications, and test scores. Scholarship judges will consist of the members of the scholarship committee. Decisions of the committee will be final.

Eligibility

Applicants must be the son, daughter, grandchild, or legally adopted child of an active, retired, or deceased member of the MRA; members of the Junior Rifle Program may also apply.

Stepchildren are eligible if they live with the MRA member in a regular parent-child relationship.

MRA Membership

Parent / Grandparent of the applicant must be a member in good standing of the MRA for at least one year prior to making application. This provision is waived if the applicant is a Junior Rifle Program Participant.

Applicant must be a high school senior when making application and must submit the form provided.

Scholarship Committee Members

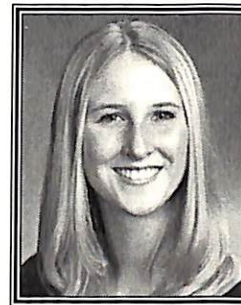
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The Fred M. Fazio

Scholarship Fund



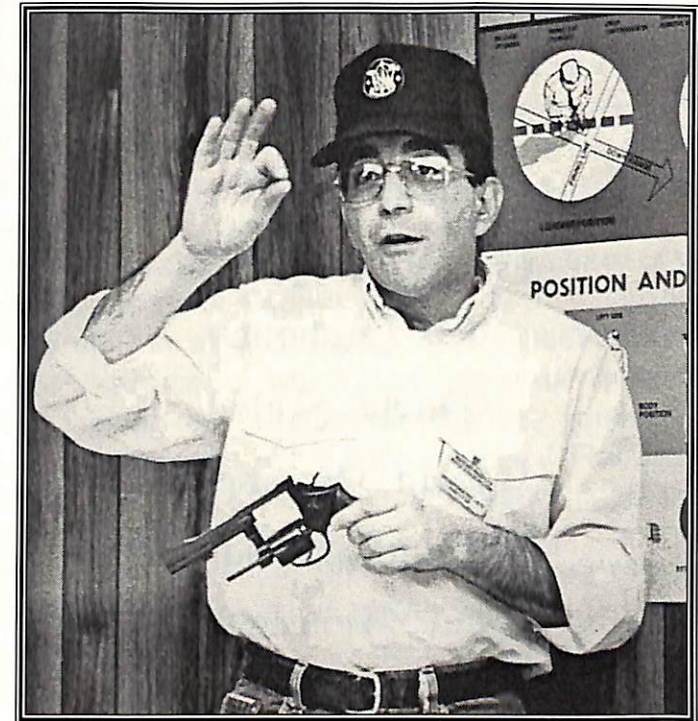
Katie Trickett
2000



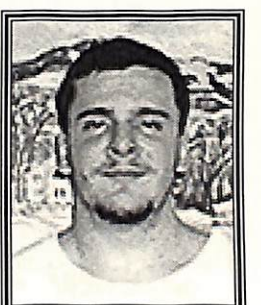
Sarah Schindler
2002



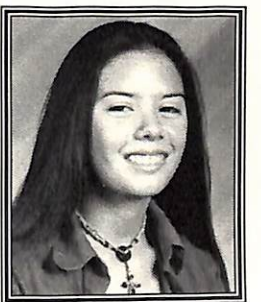
Rachel Peary
2003



Jenn Trickett
2001



Jonathan Dearborn
2002



Ms Cha-Ling O'Connell
2003

2003 Scholarship Recipients

Rachel Peary started shooting at the age of 3 and joined the Junior Rifle Team when she was 14. Although she was only able to stay on the team for 2 years due to sports commitments at Woburn High School, Varsity Hockey and Woburn Youth Hockey she enjoyed shooting.

Rachel graduated with Honors from Woburn Senior High in June 2003. She is attending Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT and her intended major is Pre-Med with emphasis in Sports Medicine. She also is in the Athletic Training programming to become a Certified Athletic Trainer.

Cha-Ling O'Connell After graduating in June 2003 from Winchester High School, Cha-Ling has just started her 1st semester at MIT. An honors student, who excels in art and was a captain of cross-country, track, and sailing teams, she always found the time to get in some target practice at Mass. Rifle. Since her early teens, Cha-Ling has enjoyed coming here on Sundays to shoot with Dad and sister Barbara — especially sporting clays. As a graduation gift, Dad presented her with a classic 12-gauge Remington Shotgun.

Currently enrolled in MIT's Ocean Engineering Program, Cha-Ling is pursuing a degree in Naval Architecture with the goal of starting her own boat-building company. She is also a skipper on the University's highly regarded sailing team. As a future entrepreneur, she has offered to hire her father after he retires from his own company for his ultimate dream job — "quality assurance testing of the boats".

Nominees 2003

Directors

John Chalmers
Robert Ouellette
G. Mike Dalelio
Ed Mahoney
David Suied
David M. Kelly
William Tumbarello
Paul Ferrazzani

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Treasurer

Marty Waters

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Secretary

Paul M. Dandini

Tales of Walnut Hill by Robert Summa

The Massachusetts Rifle Association. Yes, we are the oldest shooting range in the United States. We have been shooting at Walnut Hill from 1875 to the present day. Over the years, the stories and questions have not changed. As the MRA Historian, I have been researching the history of Walnut Hill, and have been writing the unique stories of the past. If I say so myself, the stories are very informative and record the bonding and respect of the many men and women of the era. Some of these stories are tragic, and will bring a tear to your eye. They cover rifles, pistols, trap shooting, hunting, and fishing trips by the members of Walnut Hill. I find it's like rubbing the magical lamp of Aladdin, reliving the myths and legends of the Hill. That genie of discovery has made possible the contributions of rich knowledge, accomplishments, and achievements, which have been hidden for centuries in the dark vaults of the MRA, waiting to be shared with the new generation of the Hill. We record the great shooting events of the past: Francis J. Rabbeth, D.L.F. Chase-the finest rest shooters in the 1890's; Ira Paine, the world's finest pistol shot in 1881; J.S. Sumner, who had a national reputation as a long range rifle shot in 1888; and W. Milton Farrow, also a member of MRA in 1889, and the world's finest rifle shot in that era. As I also record the hunting trips of the MRA members, the stories are funny and enjoyable, for hunting in the 1880's was fast and furious. Did you know they hunted caribou, elk, and grizzly bear in Maine? Also, Fanuiel Hall Market in the 1880's had all types of game animal for sale in the stalls. You could see 400 quail and hundreds of ducks for sale as the hunters of the era used 8 and 10 gauge shotguns for hunting. The slaughter was outrageous by today's standards. But let's get back to the State Rifle Championships, shot at MRA in 1894. J.E. Kelley was the state champion offhand at 200 yards on the Standard American target, which was designed by C.W. Hinman, and is used worldwide today by the NRA.



Sam Merrill



Jim Bushfield



John E. Kelley